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Message from His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I to the Conference of the Eighteen Nation Committee on Disarmament

We have learnt that His Excellency, the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. has addressed a message to your Commission signifying the willingness of the U.S.S.R. Government to engage itself not to be the first to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear states parties to the treaty, which have no nuclear weapons in their territory and accordingly requesting other nuclear powers to do the same. We had also learnt that the President of the United States had declared to the nations that do not seek the nuclear path an assurance that they will have the strong support of the United States against nuclear blackmail, and proposing to strengthen the United Nations and other international Security arrangements. In view of the fact that the present nuclear possession and proliferation could be a serious danger to the security of mankind, we believe that such a commitment against the threat or use of nuclear weapons, by all nuclear powers, would help to make a great step forward in the attempt to reach an agreement on disarmament.

We therefore appeal to the Committee to give serious consideration to the proposal to having a joint resolution to include all the Nuclear Powers in accordance with the principles set out by the United Nations resolution for a non-proliferation treaty.

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